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CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY

May 13, 2005

Dear Stakeholder:

The California High-Speed Rail Authority's May 25th public Board Meeting will be held in Oakland at the Elihu Harris Building - Auditorium, located at 1515 Clay Street. **Please note the meeting is scheduled to begin at 1:30 pm.**

At the May 25th public board meeting the Authority will be reviewing the final draft of the Implementation Plan.

At the February 23rd public board meeting the Authority discussed the Implementation Plan issues presented to the board at the September, November and December Authority meetings. This was an all-day workshop; attended by industry experts.

At the January Authority meeting the board took the following action related to the staff recommendations for the identification of preferred alignments and station locations for the Final Program EIR/EIS:

"Accept staff recommendations on identifying general alignment and station locations as preferred alternatives in the Final Program EIR/EIS with the following exception. The Board directs that additional study of an alignment option between Fresno and Bakersfield, or variations thereof, to serve a potential Visalia station located in an existing and/or planned urbanized area, is to be conducted prior to the commencement of project-level environmental documents for this segment and submitted to the Authority for any appropriate action, provided, however, that such additional study is to be undertaken only if sufficient funds to complete it are provided in the 2005/06 FY state budget."

For additional information on the staff's recommendations on preferred alignment alternatives visit the CHSRA website at www.cahighspeedrail.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M Morshed".

Mehdi Morshed, Executive Director